MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*a*) and (*b*) The fourth meeting of the Board of Agriculture has passed the following resolution on the subject :—

"Resolved that the Government be requested to sanction the levy of a cess not exceeding eight annas per thousand or six annas per Railway maund of eggs (hen's or duck's) exported from the country and that the revenue derived therefrom be transferred to a fund called the Egg Marketing Improvement Fund to be administered by a Board appointed for the purpose."

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know whether a copy of the resolution passed at the fourth meeting of the Board of Agriculture was forwarded to Government by the President of the Board of Agriculture ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : No, Sir.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know why it was not forwarded to Government ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : The resolution is still under consideration by the President of the Board of Agriculture.

*Agricultural Schools.*

325. ❋MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the names and numbers of the agricultural schools run by the Government ;

(*b*) whether petitions have been received from past students with Malayalam Higher or S. S. L. C. qualification praying that they may be appointed in the Education Department ; and

(*c*) whether Government have taken any action on such petitions ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*a*) Two Agricultural Schools, one at Kottarakara and the other at Koni, are run by Government.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI : With reference to answer to part (*b*), may I know how many petitions have been received for appointment in the Education Department ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : I claim notice, Sir.

*Diseases of coccanut trees.*

326. ❋MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the extent of the area wherein cocoanut trees are affected by disease ;

(*b*) whether any survey has been conducted for the purpose; and

(*c*) if not, the reasons for not doing so ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : (*a*) Cocoanut trees are subject to various diseases, and the extent of the area affected by different diseases

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